

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4348

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001

MAOISTS ACTIVITIES

NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nepali Maoists warned the Indian security forces to quit the Kala Pani area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): There have been reports of agitations and calls by the Maoists seeking the withdrawal of security forces from the Kalapani area of Pithoragarh district in Uttaranchal. Reports to this effect including exhortation to the royal Nepal Army to take initiatives to remove the Indian Security Forces have also appeared in the Nepalese Media.

Government has taken several steps to strengthen the security in the area. These include augmentation in the strength of Indo Tibetan Border Police Post at Kalapani; intensification of patrolling, strengthening of surveillance and installation of early warning devices, improved intelligence collection etc. The State Governments of Uttaranchal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim have been advised to sensitise the concerned security agencies as well as all the field formations to maintain strict vigil and closely monitor the activities of Maoists along the Indo Nepal border.